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Welcome to the January 2009 edition of the Radio HF Internet Newsletter. I hope everyone enjoyed the holidays with family and friends. We move forward into 2009 and our 11th year of publication of the Radio HF Newsletter. Thanks for being along with us for the ride. I hope the New Year is a good one for you, wherever on the planet you are.
I look forward to sharing information with all of you again throughout the year. Why not return the favour? Please send along any contributions that you come across that you think our subscribers would be interested in. We have an excellent selection of material for you this month so let's get straight to it all.

SPECIAL NOTE: Last month's newsletter was sent out through my Radio HF Sympatico e-mail account. Due to hourly and daily restrictions on the number of e-mails that can be sent through Yahoo Mail, I thought I would try out the Sympatico account. It seems to have worked out. If you had any difficulty receiving last month's Newsletter, or if you didn't receive it at all, please contact me.

The Hamfest/Fleamarket Zone is reactivated this month with the first few listings of upcoming hamfests & fleamarkets in Canada for 2009.

Thanks to Vernon Ikeda of Pierrefonds, Quebec for providing us with this information on a monthly basis. Due to the large volume of these events in North America, I am only able to include events taking place in Canada. Listings of events in the U.S. may be found in various locations, including in QST Magazine each month.

Our Monthly Special Zone features sites on the U.S. Presidential inauguration, Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Elvis Presley Week (the other King!), Chinese New Year and National Bird Day.

This month, our Where in the World virtual travelogue takes us to the tip of the continent of South America where we find the Falkland Islands.

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Dean Bianco, Vermontville, NY: I just thought you should know that the Radio HF Newsletter is SO MUCH appreciated. Your efforts are not taken for granted. I realize how much work goes into composing and constructing something of this nature. In case you ever have the occasional moment when you question whether or not your fellow hobbyists are actually making use of the Newsletter, rest assured I do! I hope my reaffirming sentiments speak for the majority of subscribers and friends. Keep up the great work. Kudos.

DANIEL LAMOUREUX, Montreal, Quebec: Keep up the newsletter as it is a wonderful way to disseminate excellent sites found by many.

LEN COOMBS, Manitowoc, Wisconsin: I would also like to thank you for the effort you put into your monthly news letter. I look forward to it each month with eager anticipation. You are doing an exceptional service to bring to our attention these various interesting web addresses and I bless the day my name was placed on your distribution list. I hope you and yours have a happy and blessed Christmas and a great New
Years. Fond Regards from wintry Wisconsin

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

What a great start to the New Year. We have 15 contributors to this first edition of the year. Thank you to those who have taken the time to share their findings this month. It should however be noted that 7 of the 15 are via relays from Glenn Hauser with sites that appeared in his DX Listening Digest reports. Still they make for great additions to the list of material in this issue. Please keep it up.

Michel Beaupré, Laval, Quebec
Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Bob "Whitey" Doherty, Lakeville, Massachusetts
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Dave Hascall, Indianapolis, Indiana
Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oklahoma
Harry Helms, Corpus Christi, Texas
John Hudak, Dundas, Ontario
Dave Jones, Bedford, Indiana
Daniel Lamoureux, Montreal, Quebec
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Ydun Ritz, Denmark
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec
Steve Whitt, Yorkshire, UK

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

INAUGURATION DAY 2009

http://www.inauguration.dc.gov/index.asp

Welcome to the District of Columbia's 2009 Presidential Inauguration website. This site will assist you in finding valuable information about the events surrounding the 56th Presidential Inauguration on January 20, including lodging information, transportation, security measures and closures. A number of interesting links on the inauguration are also included on this site.

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RESEARCH & EDUCATION INSTITUTE

http://mlk-kpp01.stanford.edu/

In 2005, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Research and Education Institute was created to provide an institutional home for a broad range of activities illuminating the Nobel Peace laureate's life and the movements he inspired.

ELVIS BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

http://www.elvis.com/graceland/calendar/elvis_birthday.asp

Elvis Presley Birthday Celebrations 2009 are held this year in Memphis from January 8 through Sunday, January 11. If you can't be there, you can follow all the action via this webpage, including live webcam coverage!

CHINESE NEW YEAR

http://www.chinatownology.com/chinese_new_year.html

In 2009, the first day of the Chinese New Year falls on 26 January. Each year is represented by one of the 12 zodiac animals. 2008 was the year of the Rat, the start of a 12 year cycle. 2009 is the year of the ox.

NATIONAL BIRD DAY

http://www.nationalbirdday.org/index.php

Born Free USA united with Animal Protection Institute in coordination with the Avian Welfare Coalition (AWC) is calling on activists around the U.S. to take action on behalf of captive birds by drawing attention to the exploitation of other countries' native birds by the U.S. pet industry on January 5 National Bird Day. "National Bird Day" is not only a good day to take time to appreciate the native wild birds flying free outside our windows, it is also a perfect time to reflect on how we treat the native birds of other countries. While we have enacted laws to protect our native birds such as blue jays, cardinals, and crows from commercial exploitation, we fail to recognize the inconsistency in allowing the pet industry to exploit the birds of other countries.

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THE JANUARY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia. The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day. Here is the link for the month of January.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/January

Also, here are some special days in January.

January Monthly Observances
Birth Defects Month
Get Organized Month

Weekly Observances
8 to 11 Elvis Presley Week
11 to 17 International Printing Week

Daily Holidays and Observances
5 National Bird Day
7 Orthodox Christmas
8 World Literacy Day
11- International Thank You Day
12- National Pharmacist Day
14 Orthodox New Year
19 Martin Luther King Jr. Day
20 U.S. Presidential Inauguration Day
20 National Disc Jockey Day
26 Chinese New Year
27 Holocaust Memorial Day
30 World Leprosy Day

Sources:
Chase's Calendar of Events 2009

California Department of Education, 2009 Calendar of Events.
Earth Calendar
National Safety Council, 2009 Safety Observance Calendar
UN Special Observances and Days
VIA
http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/January_2009.htm

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NEW FROM ETON/GRUNDIG
THE GRUNDIG SATELLIT 750 RECEIVER

When you want full shortwave capabilities and a classic design, choose the Satellit 750.A 360-degree rotating AM antenna enhance the radio's tuning sensitivity to help you pull in weak signals. You can listen to AM, FM, SW, LW, SSB and aircraft band frequencies, and you can program in up to 100 of your favorites for each band. You can also connect your MP3 player for even more listening choices. Hear what you want to hear.
For complete details on the Grundig Satellit 750 receiver please visit the Eton-Grundig webpage at:
http://www.etoncorp.com/product_card/?p_ProductDbId=351064

Eton and Grundig products are available from Radio HF.

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WHERE IN THE WORLD ZONE
THIS MONTH THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

THE FALKLAND ISLANDS GOVERNMENT

http://www.falklands.gov.fk/

WIKIPEDIA THE FALKLAND ISLANDS

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Falkland_Islands

C.I.A. WORLD FACTBOOK FALKLAND ISLANDS

https://www.cia.gov/library/publications/the-world-factbook/geos/fk.html

FALKLAND ISLANDS

http://www.visitorfalklands.com/

The Falkland Islands official tourism web page.

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THE RADIO ZONE

22ND ANNUAL WINTER SWL FESTIVAL

http://www.swlfest.com/

VIA Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania

The annual convention is the largest gathering in the United States of listeners to the radio spectrum. The event is held each March in

Kulpsville, Pennsylvania. The registration form for this year's event is now available on the website. NOTE: Radio HF will be in attendance at the event again this year.

YDUN'S MEDIUMWAVE DX INFO

http://mediumwave.info/index.html

Ydun Ritz, Denmark via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

These pages are intended as a service to the Long- and Medium Wave community. I have always been fascinated by radios, starting in my childhood when listening on my father's old receiver. So it was quite clear that an education as radio operator was just me! At the same time it gave me the chance to travel and visit foreign countries, because of my job as a radio officer in the Danish merchant marine. As engaged to a radio operator at a time with only one operator on each ship, we went ashore and both my husband Erik and I got a job at the Danish coast radio station Lyngby Radio. With 3 children and hardly time for job, I became a housewife. Radio listening still was on my mind and I started dxing in 1974 backed up by my husband. In 1998 he encouraged me to create a website for long- and medium wave news. As I didn't know much about computing and the world wide web, Erik did the necessary work to keep this site running. I only made the editorial work. Since Erik's to early death in June 2002 I have kept this site running. First with much assistance from our son, but now - as I have learned by doing - on my own with Nicolai as an always useful, competent and willing supporter.
Many users of this site have been kind and helpful too, and without their support it wouldn't have been possible for me to continue, what Erik started.

TRANS PROVINCIAL NET

http://www.tpn7055.ca/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

We are a friendly net whose main purpose is to serve the amateur radio community. Amateurs from all areas are invited to check in on phone or CW. Meet your friends from Newfoundland to Victoria, the United States & beyond. The Trans Provincial Net operates in co-operation with Amateur Radio Emergency Services in the interest of public safety and emergency preparedness. In the event of a declared emergency all operators are asked to follow the instructions of the Emergency Net Control Station and assist in any way possible.

RADIO CANADA DX GROUP

http://www.radiocanadadxgroup.com/mediawiki/index.php/Main_Page

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

For any of you out there who may have thought that the good old citizens band (CB) was dead and buried, this might hopefully change your minds! This is a group of over 2000 members. It's webpage is indicated above and from the content, it appears to be a very active and vibrant group. Please consider checking them out.

INSTITUTE FOR NATIONAL MEASUREMENT STANDARDS: NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL

http://inms-ienm.nrc-cnrc.gc.ca/main_e.html

VIA Glenn Hauser, Enid, Oklahoma

CHU is a part of NRC's system for disseminating official time throughout Canada, broadcasting 24 hours a day from a location approximately 15 km south-west of downtown Ottawa. After seventy years of broadcasting Canada's official time, NRC's shortwave station CHU will move the transmission frequency for the 7335 KHz transmitter to 7850 KHz. The change goes into effect on 01 January 2009 at 00:00 UTC.

CANADIAN VINTAGE RADIO SOCIETY

http://www.canadianvintageradio.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Canadian Vintage Radio Society, and its bimonthly publication, Canadian Vintage Radios, is dedicated to the preservation, restoration, collection and enjoyment of antique radios and related items. Canadian Vintage Radios' regular features include: start to finish restoration projects, biographies of famous Canadian radio personalities, regional reports on CVRS activities, technical discussions of specific radio repair problems, new product reviews, some radio-related historical fiction as well as classifieds ads and an up-to-date radio collectors events calendars.

JACK BINNS WIRELESS HERO

http://www.jackbinns.org/

VIA Bob "Whitey" Doherty, Lakeville, Massachusetts via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

For the 100th anniversary of the Republic-Florida collision, radio operators around the world will be at their Special Event Stations listening for special broadcasts and communications about Jack Binns and the Republic-Florida Collision!

RADIO STATION GRIMETON SAQ ALEXANDER ASSOCIATION

http://www.alexander.n.se/startsida_e.htm

VIA Steve Whitt, Yorkshire, UK via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

The association Alexander preserves and shows the old ultra-longwave transmitter in Grimeton, Sweden, the only one of its kind remaining in the world, and still fit for operation!

PROJECT ONONDAGA

http://www.radioman.ca/submarine28.htm
http://jproc.ca/rrp/rrp2/oberon.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

Canadian Submarine HMCS Onondaga, an Oberon class boat, has been purchased by Site Historique Maritime de la Pointe-au-Père. The submarine is presently being prepared as a submarine museum at the

Pointe-au-Père wharf near Rimouski, Quebec. The official opening of the submarine is scheduled for 2009. Club Radioamateur du Saint-Laurent VE2CSL of Rimouski, Quebec has been asked to take on the project of restoring the radio room onboard Onondaga to its 1960's configuration and to establish operation on the amateur bands. The club has accepted the challenge and has requested assistance in carrying out this project. These two complementary web sites will provide additional information about Onondaga and the equipment being sought for the radio room restoration:

CQ SSTV

http://www.kiva.net/~djones/

VIA Dave Jones, Bedford, Indiana via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

This is an excellent site full of links relating to various aspects of the slow scan TV subject.

RADIO SHACK CATALOGS

http://www.radioshackcatalogs.com/index.html

VIA Harry Helms, Corpus Christi, Texas via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

This website is dedicated to America's technology store... RadioShack For almost 65 years RadioShack has produced a catalog to rival no other electronics and technology company. Through the years, this catalog expanded to contain a mix of hi-fidelity stereos, amplifiers, radios, phonographs, speakers, televisions & antennas, CBs & communication equipment, computers, electronic components, electronic testing equipment, educational kits, toys, gadgets, batteries, electronic circuitry, and much more. Products from the RadioShack catalog were purchased by the everyday consumer, hobbyist, and professional. At this website you will be able to view these old RadioShack catalogs...year by year...page by page.

SOLAR CYCLE 24

http://www.solarcycle24.com/

VIA Michel Beaupré, Laval, Quebec

Kevin Gibeau, VE3EN, of Cornwall, Ontario has set up this excellent webpage to keep you up to date on all things solar. The page updates solar activity every two minutes. SolarCycle24.com will be your one stop source for everything Solar and Aurora as it relates to Cycle 24. You will find Real Time data, News, Charts, Images, Multimedia and much more. As soon as something important is happening on the sun, you will see it here first. Kevin says his main goal is to track and monitor Aurora openings on VHF including his favourite band 6 meters. He plans on capturing the great aurora moments as they happen.

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NEW FROM WEST MOUNTAIN RADIO
THE RIGBLASTER DUO

The RIGblaster duo will make your station neater, better, and more efficient and easier to operate. It cleans up clutter and eliminates tangled microphone and headphone cords. A RIGblaster duo is a complete station integration console that allows you to conveniently monitor and control audio almost any way you wish and also select transmit so that you may use your best microphone on two different radios. All the best features of a RIGblaster for two radios, not just one.
Even though the RIGblaster duo is intended primarily as a station integration console it does have the capabilities of the other RIGblasters, but with two radios. A RIGblaster and a computer allow you to operate using over a 100 different sound card software programs written specifically for Amateur Radio. You can operate modes such as PSK31, RTTY, SSTV, CW, MFSK, MT63, Amtor, Digital Voice over SSB, Hellscriber, Contest Voice Keyer, Packet/APRS, WSJT EME/MS, and The Echolink System© along with computer rig control and CW and FSK keying.

For more information on the RIGblaster Duo please visit the following webpage:
http://www.westmountainradio.com/RIGblaster_duo.htm

West Mountain Radio products are available from Radio HF.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

DIGITAL HOME

http://www.digitalhome.ca/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Digital Home is Canada's premiere convergence website in Canada discussing the latest in Consumer electronics. With exclusive Canadian content and readership, Digital Home is a destination location for Canadian new technology adopters to learn about current trends and share their experiences with today's home electronics.

MEDIA AWARENESS NETWORK

http://www.media-awareness.ca

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Media Awareness Network is a Canadian not-for-profit centre of expertise and excellence in media education. Our vision is to ensure children and youth possess the necessary critical thinking skills and tools to understand and actively engage with media. Our mission is to be the leading Canadian provider of media education resources and awareness programs for educators, parents, children and youth.

U.S.A. NATIONAL ARCHIVES AND RECORDS ADMINISTRATION

http://www.digitalvaults.org

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

The National Archives and Records Administration is a government agency charged with preserving historical records. In fact, you can view many of the records in the comfort of your own home. It features 1,200 of the 10 billion records in the Archive. Start by clicking on a record. You can get a closer look at the record and learn more about it. You'll also see related records. The records are pictures and documents.

ARTIFICIAL OWL

http://www.artificialowl.net/

VIA John Hudak, Dundas, Ontario via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

Welcome to the Artificial Owl, a site dedicated to provide on a daily basis a selection of the most fascinating abandoned man-made creations. While adding new content to the site, I try to follow as much as possible these simple rules:
- Provide the exact location, today pictures, and a summarize story.
- Present places and things that still exist and are still visible.
- Focus on modern era abandoned creations.
- Link to the Authors of the published material.

TED: IDEAS WORTH SPREADING

http://www.ted.com/

VIA Daniel Lamoureux, Montreal, Quebec

TED stands for Technology, Entertainment, Design. It started out (in 1984) as a conference bringing together people from those three worlds. Since then its scope has become ever broader. The annual conference now brings together the world's most fascinating thinkers and doers, who are challenged to give the talk of their lives (in 18 minutes). This site makes the best talks and performances from TED available to the public, for free. More than 200 talks from our archive are now available, with more added each week.

NATIONAL TERROR ALERT

http://www.nationalterroralert.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

NationalTerrorAlert.com is a private homeland security blog and not affiliated with any government agency. We archive and comment on homeland security related news items from a variety of news sources, as well as provide immediate updates on breaking stories, bulletins and any change in status to Homeland Security advisory.

THE BRITISH COLONIST

http://britishcolonist.ca/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

On December 11th, 1858, in the midst of a gold rush, a man with the improbable name Amor de Cosmos inked up an old hand press and launched a newspaper -- the British Colonist -- into the world. Published in Victoria, it became the leading paper in the colonies of Vancouver Island and British Columbia, and was the paper for the

province of British Columbia until the emergence of Vancouver and competitors in the 1890s. This website contains all the issues of the British Colonist (also called The Daily British Colonist, the Daily Colonist, and other variants) from its first issue in 1858 to June of 1910.

TECH DIRT

http://techdirt.com/

VIA Dave Hascall, Indianapolis, Indiana via Glenn Hauser's DX Listening Digest

Started in 1997 by Floor64 founder Mike Masnick and then growing into a group blogging effort, the Techdirt blog uses a proven economic framework to analyze and offer insight into news stories about changes in government policy, technology and legal issues that affect companies' ability to innovate and grow.

THE BIG PICTURE 2008 IN PICTURES

http://www.boston.com/bigpicture/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

The Boston Globe newspaper summarizes the major events of 2008, in photographs.

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WHAT'S NEW IN BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY

LEAGUE, THE RADIO SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, and other publishers?

Basic Antennas - Understanding Practical Antennas and Designs
By Joel R. Hallas, W1ZR
Basic Antennas is a comprehensive introduction to antennas--basic concepts, practical designs, and details of easy-to-build antennas. You'll learn how to make antennas that really work! This book will provide a foundation in antenna theory and design necessary for anyone undertaking more advanced topics such as those presented in The ARRL Antenna Book.
(ISBN: 0-87259-999-X) #9994 - $29.95 U.S. / $35.95 CDN.
Now Shipping!

The ARRL Satellite Handbook - By Steve Ford, WB8IMY
The ARRL Satellite Handbook brings the thrill of satellite communications within your reach. Filled with understandable descriptions and illustrations, this book includes all the tools you need to participate in this exciting field. It's designed to give a broad introduction to the subject, while providing the practical fundamentals you need to explore, track and operate ham radio satellites on your own.
First edition. © 2008, The American Radio Relay League, Inc.
(ISBN: 0-87259-985-X) #9857 - $24.95 U.S. / $29.95 CDN.
Now Shipping!

International Microwave Handbook - Second Edition. Published by RSGB and ARRL

Edited by Andy Barter, G8ATD
This second edition of International Microwave Handbook provides reference information and designs from around the world of microwaves. It includes contributions from radio amateurs, organizations, publications and companies from all over. You'll learn the fundamental principles to designing and constructing equipment for the microwave bands, a popular part of the Amateur Radio spectrum.
544 pages. Second edition. © 2008, published jointly by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB) and American Radio Relay League (ARRL).
#0330 - $29.95 U.S. / $35.95 CDN.
Now Shipping!

Nifty E-Z Guide to PSK31 Operation - by Bernie Lafreniere, N6FN
Learn how to setup your station for PSK operation. Using the very popular DigiPan software as a basis, a simple approach is utilized for configuring your interface hardware, software and computer system. Separate chapters are devoted to the installation and setup of three different PC-to-radio interfaces. You'll also explore the pros and cons of building a home-brew interface or purchasing several types of commercial interfaces.
This book is designed to help you get PSK31 up and running quickly and easily. Light on theory, it concentrates on the practical issues of getting things connected and making PSK31 QSOs. With this step-by-step guide you'll experience the fun of PSK!
70 pages. © 2008, by Nifty Ham Accessories
#0370 - $12.95 U.S. / $15.50 CDN.
Now Shipping!

Antennas for VHF and Above - by Ian Poole, G3YWX
Discover what can be achieved on the VHF, UHF, and microwave bands! Antennas for VHF and Above includes all the details you need for understanding and experimenting with antennas. It provides the basic theory and constructional details for many antenna designs: dipoles, Yagis, verticals, log-periodic antennas, and parabolic reflectors. Details covering measurements and installation techniques are included.
144 pages. © 2008, published by Radio Society of Great Britain (RSGB).
#0501 - $29.95 U.S. / $35.95 CDN.
Now Shipping!

Building Successful HF Antennas - by Peter Dodd, G3LDO
Written by a well-known antenna expert, you'll learn what makes an effective HF antenna, how to build one, and how to measure its performance. This book uses real places, so you'll be able to obtain optimum performance at any location!
Includes:
Single and multi-band antennas
Simple wire antennas
Loops alongside beams such as Quads and Yagis
Feeding, matching, and tuning
Hardware, construction, and masts ...and more!
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#0800 - $34.95 U.S. / $41.95 CDN.
Now Shipping!

Please visit the Radio HF webpage at
http://www.radiohf.ca/publications.htm for a complete catalog of all

books, publications and CD-Roms available. A new, completely updated catalog is now available on the site.

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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

FIMOCULOUS

http://www.fimoculous.com/year-review-2008.cfm

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

Feeding on itself, the best in 2008. All kinds of "The Best in 2008" in various categories, all on one website.

ELVIS PRESLEY

http://www.elvis.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is the official site for the King of Rock and Rollas the web page says! My favourite page on the whole site is the "Elvis Sightings" page! It includes the following message and warning: Elvis' impact in contemporary culture can be seen every day throughout the world. Have you had an "Elvis sighting" on your favorite TV show, movie, magazine, book, play or any other cultural or social event? If so, let us know by entering your own sighting below. Be sure and tell us your first name and your hometown. Please note that this message board is only for Elvis sightings in pop culture and should not be used to post other kinds of messages.

ETYMOLOGIC

http://www.etymologic.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

In this etymology game you'll be presented with 10 randomly selected etymology (word origin) or word definition puzzles to solve; in each case the word or phrase is highlighted in bold, and a number of possible answers will be presented. You need to choose the correct answer to score a point for that question. Beware! The false answers will often also seem quite plausible, and some of the true answers are hard to believe, but we have documentation! Oh, and in case you're wondering, the word etymology comes from the Greek word 'etymos', which means real, or true, and the -ology ending indicates that it's the study of, or science of. Put them together and you get the study or science of the real or true. Impressive eh?

WIMP

http://www.wimp.com/

VIA Beta Wayne, Dorval, Quebec

A collection of the best videos from around the world on the Internet. WARNING: There are some videos with unpleasant, questionable or possibly offensive material.

CATS IN SINKS

http://www.catsinsinks.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

What is Cats in Sinks? It's obvious. It's about cats, and kittens, who like sinks and basins.

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THE 2009 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local. (Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, February 7
Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Big Event 31 - St. Catharines, Ontario
Location: Merriton Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue, St. Catharines, ON
Vendors 07:00 - Public 09:00
Admission $7.00, Tables $21.00 (includes 1 admission)
Talk-in: VE3NRS 147.240 (+) PL 107.2 Hz
For table reservations contact Dave Wilson VE3BBN at
vendors@...
Information: Peter Vince, VE3HM at bigevent@...
TEL: 905-227-0155
Web Page: http://www.nparc.on.ca

Sunday, February 22
Burnaby Amateur Radio Club Fle Market - New Westminster, British Columbia
Location: Queensborough Community Centre, 920 Ewen Avenue, New Westminster, B.C.
Vendors: 09h00 Public 10h00 to 14h00
Admission: 5.00$ per person. Tables: 25.00$ includes admission
Talk-in: VE7RBY 145.350 Mhz (-) PL 127.3
Information and reservations: Dan Potvin, VE7BYY at 604-582-4252
E-mail: ve7byy@...
or Lou Beaubien, VE7CGE at 604-291-1569
E-mail: loucge@...
Web page: http://www.ve7bar.org

Saturday, February 28
Burlington Spring Fleamarket - Burlington, Ontario
Location: Royal Canadian Legion - 828 Legion Road, Burlington, Ontario
Vendors 07:00, Public 09:00 - 12:00. Admission $6.00 Tables $10.00
Talk-in VE3RSB 147.210 (+) PL 131.8 Hz
Information and Table reservations: Mail reservations and cheques to Norm Freidin, VE3CZI at 2129 Larabee Court, Burlington, ON,
L7P 3S3, or
E-mail at ve3czi@...
Web page: http://www.barc.ca
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http://www.primetimeshortwave.com/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, now in its 21st year on CKUT-FM, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the CKUT web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the CKUT web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

Radio Canada International is Canada's shortwave broadcaster. The broadcast schedules for October 26, 2008 to March 7, 2009 are now posted on the Schedules and Frequencies page of the RCI webpage at the following address:

http://www.rcinet.ca/rci/en/horaires.shtml

You will also find the schedules for three 24-hour per day satellite channels on the HotBird satellite (Europe/North Africa/Middle East), the RCI Plus channel on Sirius Satellite Radio and the live RCI Viva service available on the website. Stay in touch with Canada via Radio Canada International.

CKRK MOHAWK RADIO 103.7 FM KAHNAWAKE

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Best wishes and 73 from

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